

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

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**HOUSE BILL 13**

Short Title: State Search and Rescue Funding. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Davis.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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January 28, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE CONTINUATION FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE STATE  
3 SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, the 2019 Appropriations Act included funding to support the State Search  
5 and Rescue Program in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal  
6 year (\$1,000,000 recurring and \$1,000,000 nonrecurring) and the sum of one million dollars  
7 (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

8 Whereas, the 2019 Appropriations Act was vetoed, and those funds were not received  
9 by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management; and

10 Whereas, in the 2019 Disaster Recovery Act, Session Law 2019-224, the sum of one  
11 million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year was included to  
12 support the State Search and Rescue Program; Now, therefore,  
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
15 Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, the sum of two million three hundred  
16 thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal  
17 biennium to be used to support the State Search and Rescue Program as provided in Article 6 of  
18 Chapter 166A of the General Statutes. The funds shall be used in partnership with units of local  
19 government to supplement local funds to purchase equipment, maintain equipment, and provide  
20 other items necessary to ensure statewide search and rescue services. Any match requirement  
21 established by the Secretary may be satisfied by the sponsoring local agency with cash payments  
22 or in-kind contributions.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

